



August 15, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER) cordially invite you and your neighbors to a meeting regarding the Assessment of Water Quality and Watershed Based Planning for Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek project. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to help us develop an effective plan to reach stakeholders with specific information and social marketing solutions to inform the public, garner support and change behaviors throughout the watershed. The meeting will be held on September 5, 2013 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, at the Harker Heights Activities Center located at 400 Indian Trail, Harker Heights, TX 76548. A map to the meeting place is on the back of this letter, and a tentative agenda is enclosed.

In 1996, a portion (Segment 1218) of Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek was identified for having bacteria concentrations that exceed the state water quality standards. In 2010, two assessment units that are part of the previously identified segment in the creek were also identified as having elevated bacteria concentrations (Assessment Units 1218\_02 and 1218C). Additionally, in 2012, nitrate, total phosphorus, and orthophosphorus were listed as concerns for Segment 1218.

The water quality goal of this project is to identify causes and sources of pollution in Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Watershed, and to provide stakeholders and agencies with sufficient information to address elevated bacteria levels in the water. The full segment includes the cities of Harker Heights, Nolanville, and Belton and portions of the Fort Hood Military Reservations as well as the city of Killeen, so broader partnerships within the watershed are necessary if water quality issues are to be fully addressed by all stakeholders.

Since decisions made about these waterbodies will affect landowners, citizens, industries, and municipalities, your participation is fundamental to the success of this project. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to share your ideas and help identify the water quality educational needs of your local area, as well as, provide input on the outreach activities that will be implemented. We need your guidance on the direction of this project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [njackson@tiaer.tarleton.edu](mailto:njackson@tiaer.tarleton.edu) or 254-968-1902. We look forward to seeing you on September 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

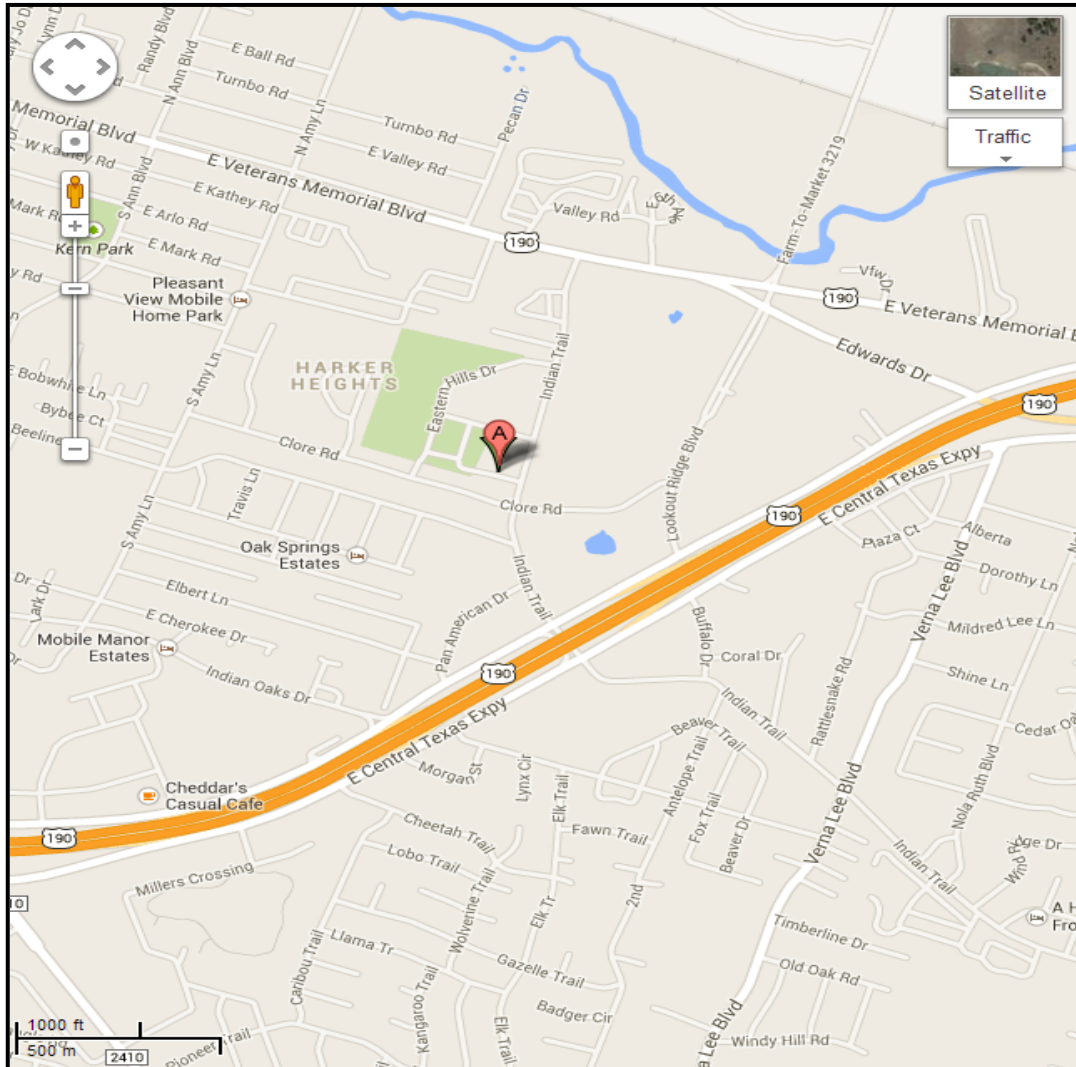
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